



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: June 17, 2019
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Business Administrators
From: Robert L. Bumpus, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Field Services

Reminder to Submit Lead Testing Statement of Assurance

Annually, by June 30th, all New Jersey public school districts, charter schools, renaissance school projects, jointure commissions, educational services commissions, approved private schools for students with disabilities acting under contract to provide educational services on behalf of New Jersey public school districts, state-funded early childcare facilities pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:13A*, and receiving schools as defined by *N.J.A.C. 6A:14-7.1(a)* ("covered entities") must submit to the New Jersey Department of Education a statement of assurance (SOA) for testing of lead in drinking water.

Since New Jersey regulations do not require covered entities to conduct lead testing every year and because some covered entities are exempt from lead testing pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(i)*, the Department has three SOAs to address multiple scenarios:

- If your entity was not required to conduct lead testing during the 2018-19 school year, please complete the ["Non-Lead Testing Year" SOA](#).
- If your entity is exempt from lead testing, please complete the ["Exemption" SOA](#).
- If your entity conducted lead testing during the 2018-19 school year, complete the ["Lead Testing" SOA](#) and [Checklist](#).

As *N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(d)* required all covered entities to conduct initial lead testing by July 13, 2018 and *N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(f)1* directs the next testing to be conducted "every six years thereafter," the Department does not anticipate that covered entities conducted lead testing during the 2018-19 school year; and, likewise, does not anticipate that the "Lead Testing Year" SOA will apply for the 2018-19 school year.

Please email the completed SOAs and any questions to leadtesting@doe.nj.gov.

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